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## Weekend violence marks hate crime wave

by Eric Smith

A gang of about twenty fascist skinheads assaulted six black, gay and Arab passers-by between the Beaudry and Sherbrooke métro stations last Saturday night.

Mohammed Achouri, an Arab Montréaler, is recovering from severe bruises and a punctured lung from the attack. Six assailants were arrested and are due to appear in court this week.

The number of racist and homophobic attacks in Montréal has increased in recent months, according to Alain Dufour of the Ligue anti-fasciste mondiale (LAM) which compiles statistics on hate crime.

LAM recently disbanded its protection committee which patrolled downtown areas where racist skinhead attacks were feared.

"There had been a balance of

power," said Dufour. "Now the nazis have started patrolling again."

LAM has no plans to re-establish the protection committee as it waits for proposed action by the Montréal police and the Québec Public Security Ministry.

Last September, former Public Security Minister, Sam Elkas, promised to develop a proposal for youth crime protection and a provincial committee on intercultural and race relations. No such proposal has been initiated to date.

The attacks took place in St-Jacques, a predominantly gay neighbourhood. City councillor for this district, Raymond Blain, said the number of anti-gay attacks in the city has increased in the last seven to eight months.

Blain will be meeting with gay and lesbian groups today to discuss possible municipal action on the

matter. Lesbians and Gays against Violence (LGV) will have representatives at the meeting.

LGV is planning a demonstration in March to commemorate the gang murder of Joe Rose, a gay rights activist killed on a Montréal bus in March 1989. The demonstration will denounce all violence against lesbians and gay men.

Sathi Belhadj, of the Centre des études arabes pour le

développement (CÉAD), said his organization is now dealing with an excess of anti-Arab racism. According to Belhadj, the Gulf crisis is accelerating anti-Arab hatred. For example, *La Presse* recently published blatantly racist comments about "Arab fanaticism" from a former general in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Though Saturday night's attacks were not only aimed at Arabs, the

rhetoric of the current crisis allows hate groups to take advantage of the situation to demonstrate their hatred, according to Belhadj. "It is a propitious time for this sort of act."

The Ligue des Droits et Libertés is planning a series of consultations with various organizations fighting racially motivated violence. It intends to make a series of recommendations to concerned government bodies.



McGill student "Speaks Out" against Gulf war outside the Arts Building at noon yesterday.

## Med students may strike over new bill

by Kathleen Hickey

Québec medical students will strike if the government refuses to hold public hearings on a health reform bill they say is flawed.

McGill students are among those trying to persuade the provincial government to create a public forum for discussion of Bill 120.

At present, the Bill is being discussed in closed meetings between Québec Health Minister Marc-Yvan Côté and provincial health associations.

"It seems like a divide-and-conquer tactic," said McGill Medical Students' Society president George Chow. "We would like the public to know what he's doing."

Medical students across the province voted to strike last December after Bill 120 proposed changes to Health Services.

Bill 120 would let the province

order doctors to practice in remote areas presently short on healthcare.

"It's not a question of not wanting to go, but being forced to go," said Chow.

About 70 per cent of the students in Chow's class say they want to take electives in outlying regions and many want to work in rural areas after they graduate.

"We just don't like what we think might happen to us," Chow said, "the bill is vague - they could send us out there with no way back."

The Fédération des associations des étudiants médicaux du Québec (FAEMQ) wants the government to re-examine its 1987 incentive program for doctors in remote regions.

Bill 120 could do more harm than good for remote communities, according to Chow. He said the reforms might drive doctors out of the province all together.

"What's scary is that now even people from the French schools are talking about leaving the province. At McGill that's pretty normal, but it's the first time we've heard this from them," said Chow.

Some medical students think continued incentive programs and increased clinical teaching in rural areas will do more than forced placement to attract general practitioners to outlying areas.

"We're making a stink because we care about health care in this province," Chow said.

A general strike of medical students will be called if negotiations fail to produce a public forum for discussion of Bill 120.

## McGill students take emergency action for peace

by Peter Clibbon

McGill students stepped up the pace of anti-war activities yesterday as a UN decision in favour of the Gulf war became imminent.

McGill's Troops Out Coalition organized meetings, demonstrations and a campus speak-out to rally up anti-war sentiment.

The speak-out attracted approximately 60 people who chanted anti-war slogans and voiced their hopes for a peaceful solution to the crisis.

"It was very lively and a good mix of opinions about the crisis were expressed, whether they were pro-sanctions or simply against troops in the gulf," said Troops Out member Chantal Sundaram.

"Most people have a strong anti-war feeling, and some, like Americans, have a personal interest in the issue because they fear for their friends or family," said Arts student Shanta Rangaratnam.

Last night, Troops Out members marched from McGill campus to the American consulate in protest.

An anti-war Soirée was organized at the University of Montréal's *Café Campus*.

McGill Students' Society (SSMU) is also trying to organize activities, although Council refused to endorse the Troops Out Coalition.

SSMU's ad-hoc peace committee held its first meeting last week, but no further actions have been scheduled. According to SSMU VP External Alex Usher, the committee would be willing to cooperate with Troops Out in organizing campus demonstrations or teach-in's.

"The Students' Society committee is trying to broaden opposition against war in the Persian Gulf by absorbing those who don't link up with Troops Out," said Usher.

McGill's Troops Out has joined a city-wide coalition of students and trade unions. Montréal's le Regroupement Echec à la guerre and la Coalition contre la guerre dans le Golfe arabo-persique organized a massive demonstration

last weekend. Over 5000 people attended, according to police estimates.

Speakers at the demonstration denounced Canadian participation in the UN-endorsed military force. The Coalition is insisting on a peaceful resolution to the Gulf crisis.

Several events are planned for the upcoming week:

**Today:** The city-wide mobilisation committee meets at the offices of AGEUQAM (Berri-UQAM metro) at 19h.

**Thursday:** Speak-out organized by McGill Troops Out Coalition at noon on the Arts Building steps.

**Monday:** Troops out Coalition meeting at 19h at Union 107.

**Saturday:** Demonstration begins at Parc Lafontaine 13h.

**Note:** The day following any military action by US-led forces in the Gulf, a protest will take place before Complexe Guy-Favreau at 13h. For more information call Chantal Sundaram at 284-6834.



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NO: George Chow, president of Medical Students' Society.





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### Events

Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill (LAGEM) meeting. New members welcome. Confidential. Thomson House Board Room, 3650 McTavish. 17h30.

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QPIRG general interest meeting. Info: 398-7432. Union 107, 3480 McTavish. 18h.

Black Students' Network meeting. Union 401. 18h30.

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# Concordia grants same-sex benefits

by Andrea Bain

Late last semester, Concordia University acted on staff demands and extended health benefits to its employees' same-sex partners. But McGill is still sitting on its hands.

On November 21, Concordia became the first university in Québec to extend the benefits, previously available only to opposite-sex spouses, to cohabiting gay or lesbian partners.

"Gay and lesbian staff members had been requesting these provi-

sions for about 18 months," said Concordia administrator John Relton. He said representatives on Concordia's Benefits Committee, composed of faculty, staff and administration, recommended changes in benefits.

"The dossier was studied for over a year and the Board of Governors resolved to implement the policy 'as quickly as possible.' If the benefits are not in place now, they will be very shortly," he said.

Relton said the exclusionary

policy "was a mistake and it was corrected."

Concordia is only one of four universities in Canada to implement such a plan. But some McGill staff members are impatient to make this institution the fifth.

Robert Head, president of the Lesbian and Gay Employees at McGill (LAGEM), said McGill's "been patting itself on the back with its AIDS Centre" and ignoring the immediate needs of gay and lesbian staff.

"McGill's reasoning with LAGEM has been they can't be accountable to the law. But [restricted benefits] is a loophole in the Quebec Charter of Rights, not a requirement," Head argued.

Head said LAGEM had brought up Concordia's new policies to George Homsey, Manager of Employee Relations at McGill. Homsey told LAGEM he'd heard nothing about the change.

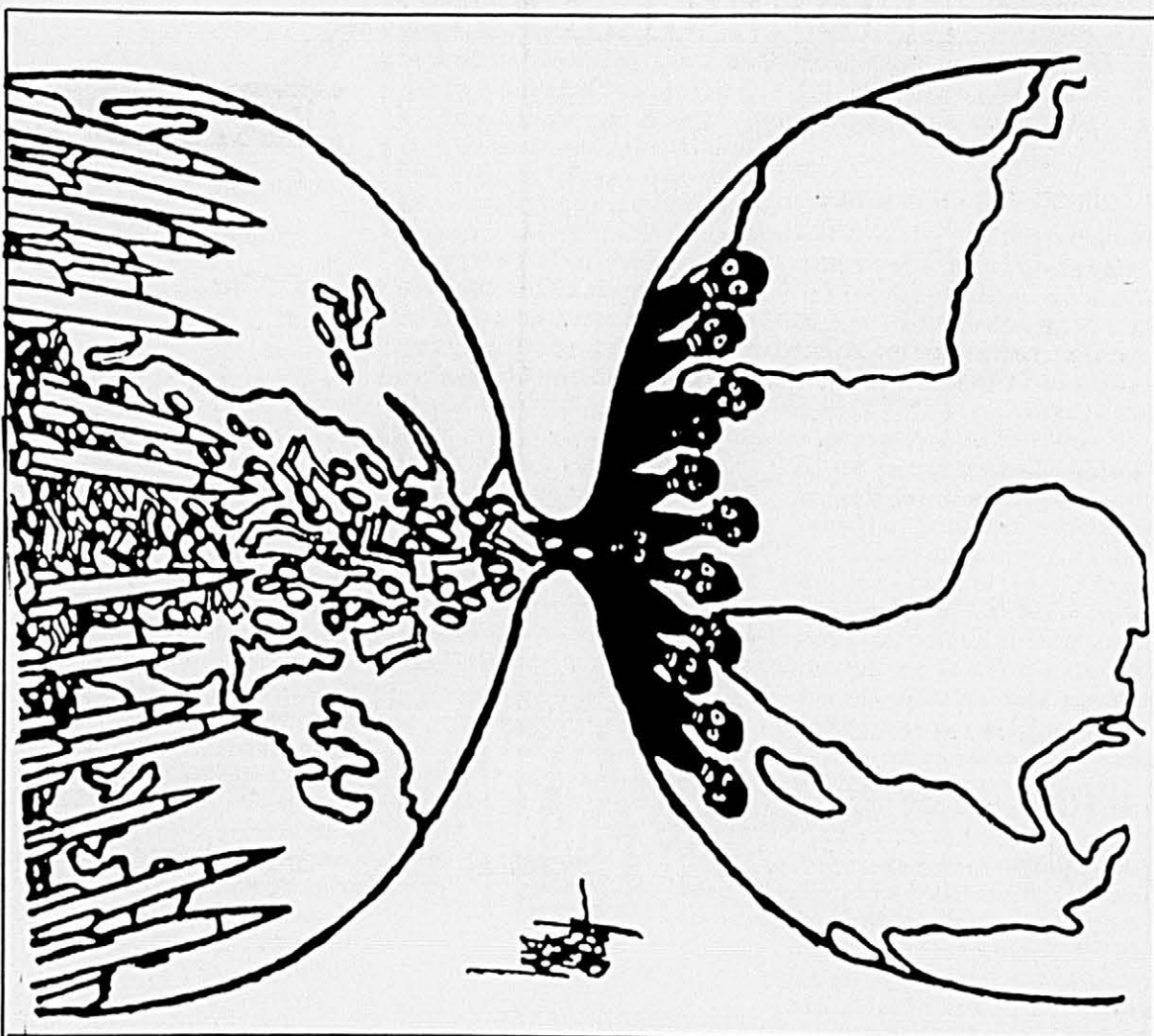
The Concordia package includes pension benefits, supplementary

health insurance, dependent life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

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"Military recruiters go to poor areas and try to sucker people in with \$2000 to \$3000 cash advances," he said.

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## U.S. group promotes RAW truth about military racism

by Heidi Modro

VANCOUVER (CUP) — African American, Hispanic and native soldiers will die in disproportionate numbers should war break out in the Persian Gulf, says a U.S. student peace group.

Roots Against War (RAW) was formed at the University of California at Berkeley two months ago to discourage people of color from joining the military.

"Our group wants to make a link between the discrimination African Americans, Hispanics and natives suffer in the US and the fact that whenever there is a war they're always the first to be sent to the front and become casualties," said RAW spokesperson Eddie Cheung.

He said the groups have traditionally been over-represented in the U.S. military. African Americans, who account for 12 per cent of the American population, represent about one quarter of the U.S.'s

military personnel, Cheung said. "The lower you go in the ranks the more likely it is that you'll find people of color," he said.

Members of RAW have been visiting California high schools and speaking on street corners to convince youth to resist becoming involved in a war in the Persian Gulf. "The feeling on the street is that young people just don't want to get involved in this war," he said. "There's even a local rap artist who is making anti-war music."

RAW is also advising reservists and members of the military who don't want to fight in a Gulf war on how to avoid combat. "We're referring them to other groups who can advise them on how to apply to become conscientious objectors," Cheung said.

A member of the military applying for conscientious objector status can either be transferred to a non-combat posting or be discharged, said Karen Jewett, a counsellor for

San Francisco's Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. "We've been flooded with calls from military personnel and reservists ever since the threat of the Gulf war broke out this summer," she said.

"It's impossible to say how many calls we've got from minorities, but it could be high because they're usually in combat roles and they're the first to be sent to war."

People of colour have traditionally been overrepresented in the American military because it is very often the only way they can find to get out of the ghetto, said Laurence Martin, coordinator for the Vancouver Committee to Aid American War Objectors.

"Military recruiters go to poor areas and try to sucker people in with \$2000 to \$3000 cash advances," he said.

"Our group, which operates in different areas of the U.S., tries to give another side of the story."

by Matthew Johnson

VANCOUVER (CUP) — During the Vietnam War, thousands of people immigrated to Canada to dodge conscription in the United States. However, should another draft be instituted today, a move to Canada might be impossible.

"Now if a person of draft age were to attempt to (immigrate) to Canada, (it would be) virtually impossible," said Vancouver Committee to Aid American War Objectors coordinator Laurence Martin.

He said his group is discouraging people from coming to Canada. Because of immigration and employment laws, he said "it's a lot easier to live underground in the States."

There has been an increase in U.S. military personnel going Absent Without Leave (AWOL) since troops were sent to the Persian Gulf last August, according to groups opposed to the use of military force in the Gulf.

American draft counsellors and peace groups are encouraging Americans to stay in the US and fight against the deployment of troops, rather than come to Canada.

Martin said that American students currently living in Canada legally could not be extradited if they stayed beyond the deadline of a draft notice, as it would not be an extraditable offence. However, students would have to leave Canada when their visas expired.

According to Lisa Tober, a program specialist for Immigration Canada, the chance of qualifying as an independent is minimal.

There are no special criteria for students applying for landed immigrant status. "(They are the) same as anybody else," she said.

"It's not based on education, it's based on work experience," she said. "It's what have you been working as in the last five years, rather than what are you qualified to do."

As well, an application for immigrant status can only be made from outside the country, so a student in Canada would have to go back to the States to apply, she said.

John Grueschow, coordinator of the Northwest Draft Counselling Centre, fears the US might reinstate the draft because "it looks like (it would be a) long conflict."

"There's not an infinite supply of reserve and national guard troops," he said.

Grueschow said the main legal option for those who don't want to fight is to apply for conscientious objector status. But, he added, if an American male of draftable age wants to take this option, he should start preparing now.

"There's nothing you can do until you receive an induction notice, then you fill out a form at the post office and set up an interview. If you wait until the last minute you'll have a tough time getting the (15 or 16) letters of reference you need," he said.

He said, however, that currently the best way to avoid a draft would be to "plug in" with an organization working to fight against the deployment of troops in the Gulf.

Grueschow said that the draft resistance network that existed 15 years ago was strong, but now is a bit weak. A lot of people have expressed a willingness to aid in resisting a draft, but not until one happens, he said.

"(A resistance network) needs to be re-established and I think it will be, but it's not there yet," he said.



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"For Prince, the apocalypse  
is just another orgasm."  
—Brent Bambury

COMMENT

LETTERS

## Punch the clock

As you read this, there may already be fighting in the Gulf. One of the most horrifying things about the crisis is that last night's deadline seemed so unstoppable. The world's elites handed over the fates of millions of people to a clock, without asking or caring what anybody thought.

How did the world come to the brink of war?

Iraq, for all its brutality, has made at least half a dozen serious offers to withdraw from Kuwait since August's invasion. The offers were rejected. The latest one was made on January 2, and reportedly brought up again when the Iraqi foreign minister met U.S. secretary of state James Baker in Geneva, January 9.

This offer to withdraw from Kuwait, widely discussed in the European media but ignored here, was again dismissed by the Americans.

Why? The U.S. was eager for a war in the Gulf from the beginning. With the Soviet Union out of the picture, the U.S. - a power in decline - wanted to assert its position in the Third World, and to elbow out Europe and Japan.

The U.S. is afraid that Iraq, with its independent military and economic might, could challenge the existing status quo in the Middle East. Iraq's confrontation with the U.S. has harnessed amazing levels of frustration among Arabs, angry over poverty, lack of control over oil, piles of foreign debt and corrupt U.S.-backed governments.

What was Europe up to in those last crucial hours before midnight last? As the deadline approached, France, West Germany and Italy started worrying that a war would plunge the entire Middle East into cataclysm. A war might disrupt their close economic links with the Arab nations, and when it is over the U.S. might be the only one left at the table.

The Europeans hurled themselves into a flurry of efforts to revive Iraq's peace offer.

How did Canada face the last days before war? Prime Minister Mulroney was busy proving that Canada is a loyal department of the U.S. government. He sent an extra six warplanes to the Middle East, and said Canadian planes may participate in air strikes against Iraq if the Americans should ask.

On the eve of war, the Canadian government also finally decided it was time to check with Parliament to see if war was okay with everybody. It isn't, but what does that matter?

Here in Montréal, thousands of students and others came together and raised their voices against war and Canada's interference in the Middle East.

They joined over half a million anti-war demonstrators who protested U.S. war plans across North America, Europe and the rest of the world. Still, the clock ticked and war came closer.

What should we make of this situation - people the world over strapped to a machine which serves the interests of a handful of individuals? We must organize against it. Now, more than ever.

Alex Roslin  
Carl Wilson

Susana Bejar  
Katerina Cizek  
Stephanie Conway

## SSMU craves luxury

To the Daily:

Why doesn't the SSMU Executive demonstrate its commitment to the students it claims to represent by generously making up the extra money needed for FEEQ membership from its \$80 000 building fund? I realize their present conditions are atrocious, but we are, after all, in the midst of a recession. If the craving for luxury ever became too much, they could always try huddling around the info kiosk.

S. Williams  
U2 Arts

p.s. Congrats to Alex Usher for taking only one council meeting to decide that war is bad. It's great to see McGill's Persian Gulf Policy demonstrating our position at the forefront of student politics.

## Tainted chicken money

To the Daily:

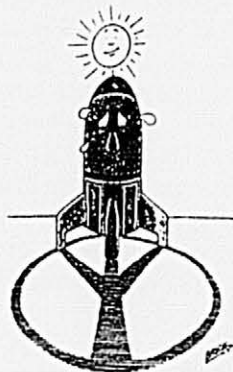
In their editorial on January 14, Carl Wilson and Susana Bejar urged Students' Society (SSMU) to add financial need as a criterion to the new SSMU "Awards of Distinction." This is an excellent idea.

However, before implementation, SSMU should also make sure that this new Award Program is totally free from any possible allegations of "kickbacks." Scott's was awarded the food contract for SSMU, and in return SSMU received a \$50 000 "donation" from Scott's to set up this new "Awards of Distinction." This is not the only disturbing fact surrounding the new food contract. Last year SSMU VP Finance - who negotiated the contract with Scott's - is currently working for Scott's!

In order to establish the award program on strong ethical ground, SSMU should renegotiate the contract with Scott's. SSMU should give back the \$50 000 "donation" to Scott's and in return increase Scott's rent to include payment of \$50 000 at the beginning of the contract. Then SSMU could decide to allocate \$50 000 to a SSMU endowment fund for an "Award of Distinction." This is the only way out of this mess.

SSMU must make sure that future recipients of the "Awards of Distinction" will not be receiving money from an endowment fund which could be construed as a "kickback" or in this case "Tainted Chicken" money.

Eric Darler  
PHD 6 PolSci



## War not for oil?

To the Daily:

1991 is hardly underway and Kevin MacNeill and Alan McConnell have already guaranteed themselves Hypocrites of the Year Awards. They hardly finish criticizing McGill NDP president Alex Ng of allowing "political biases to cloud his logical reasoning" and then proclaim that if he intends to criticize the McGill troops out coalition he must be "squarely in the pro-war camp" and should "sign up immediately." He clearly is not with those who "openly condemn imperialism." And in a spectacular finish he is warned that, unless he confronts the real issues and stops "McCarthyist closet jingoism", he must stop writing.

As an ex-member of the McGill Troops Out Coalition I must say that I totally oppose any U.S. military presence or action in the gulf. However, the coalition seemed more like an opportunity for people to pat each other on the back for their political correctness than a true coalition against military action. Maybe if they stopped ramming their ideologies down everyone's throat they might find a few new faces at their meetings. For example, they might consider rethinking the simplistic idea that the war is about oil and is a secret policy created by oil companies. But then again, "No Blood For Oil" is such a neat, catchy slogan, why let the facts interfere?

Chris Birney  
U3 Arts



## Reprimanding misguided graffitiist

To the Daily:

Judging by the graffitied efforts of the scumbag with the red pen and the attitude who managed to muster up the guts to vent his anonymous misogyny in the Arts tunnel, the Marc Lépine legacy is alive and well at McGill. So what if 14 women died for no reason other than the fact that they were female, right? We all walked around with our white ribbons for a couple of weeks, and now, after a respectable period has elapsed, some depraved maniac has seen fit to exercise his right to freedom of expression and opinion. Well, now we have seen fit to exercise the same right in our condemnation of an act that begs incredulity. To dispute the scribbled arguments would be no more than a pointless exposition of the obvious. Instead, all we have to say is FUCK YOU.

Slan Jones  
U2 Arts  
Melina Laverty  
U2 Science

## Mechanics stop traffic

To the Daily:

I was waiting for the 24 bus on January 10th, when a policeman arrived at the corner of Peel and Sherbrooke streets where he then diverted east bound traffic. Frustrated motorists honked and swore as they had to head either north or south on Peel. I thought that there might be a fire or a broken water main in front of the university.

When I looked down the street, I noticed a crowd assembled in front of



Roddick gates. My bus was going to be diverted and traffic was heavily backed up so I went to investigate. I heard cheering and whistles and the crowd seemed to be organized. A protest against tuition fee hikes? A gay or animal rights protest? Maybe a demonstration against Canadian participation in the gulf crisis - all worthwhile causes. But sadly no.

As I drew nearer it became clear that these two hundred organized, seemingly intelligent university students, had blocked traffic on one of the busiest streets in Montreal, delaying buses, inconveniencing thousands of people, occupying the time of perhaps a dozen police officers and interrupting the flow of commerce during the busiest time of the day so they could play a game of football.

There was something oddly haunting as the boys passed a football around and their chanting supporters blocked the flow of traffic in both directions. The juvenile whim of the few being satisfied over the real needs and rights of the many. If one ambulance was delayed, if any emergency could't be answered promptly because there were no available policemen, the mechanical engineering students have lot to answer for.

How stupid, how grossly insensitive! In a period of blatant social injustice and during a week when the world is on the verge of another major conflict with Canadian soldiers involved, the mechanical engineering students choose not to voice concern or express outrage but to play football on Sherbrooke street. Perhaps the only solace we can take from this sickening event is that its perpetrators were not our future doctors, lawyers or policy-makers but merely the engineers of our future machines.

Edward K. Yersh  
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# First Nations give Europeans a lesson

by Ardith Walkem and Katerina Cizek

This week, for the first time, Europeans came to Turtle Island to listen – and First Nations told them they have a lot of catching up to do.

Four members of the European Parliament's fact-finding commission arrived in Turtle Island ("North America") on Sunday to investigate First Nations/Canadian relations.

The delegates spent two days at Kahnawake, where they heard testimony from over ten First Nations. Most media have reported the delegation's greetings, but ignored the First Nations' messages to the Europeans.

The delegates were invited by the Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa and Québec in the hope of "gaining another perspective... from a body that has no vested interest," said Ken Deer, a Kahnawake representative.

The European Parliament formed the commission last fall, in response to the crisis at Oka, which raised "a lot of interest in Europe in how Canada copes with its Native questions," according to Gijs de Vries, head of the delegation.

Kahnawake representative Francis Boots quickly corrected him: "It's the other way around. It is the First Nations who have had to cope with the invasion of European descendants."

Elijah Harper, an Ojibwa Cree, emphasized that "First Nations' present conditions have roots in the initial contact with the European ancestors of today's Canadians. So the European community has an obligation to see the impact that their descendants have had."

The delegation is spending the rest of the week at Québec City and Ottawa, to hear provincial and federal government perspectives.

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Nationhood is the issue. Hours of testimony from various First Nations disclosed a wide spectrum of issues the

international community should address.

Mohawk testimonies focused on the importance of recognizing nationhood.

Boots, of the Mohawk Nation Office, said, "We cannot allow our land and its peoples to be colonized and legislated out of existence. We have to continue to defend our right to self-determination, our right to life." He condemned continual attempts by Canada and the U.S. to undermine Mohawk nation-building efforts.

Joe Norton, Grand Chief of Kahnawake, emphasized that Mohawk people "are faced with a style of politics that is not conducive to peace. It is confrontational from beginning to end."



Holland's Gijs de Vries and Ireland's Miry Renought.

He focused on the Mohawk struggle to "get rid of a system imposed on our community and put a traditional one in place."

Norma de la Ronde, a clan mother of the Turtle Clan told the delegates about the role of women in traditional Mohawk society. She highlighted Mohawk women's roles as "the givers of life and the caretakers of spirituality, culture and the Iroquois Great Law."

"Warriors were seen at the

forefront in the summer, but they were only carrying out responsibilities the women have taken," de la Ronde said.

Further testimonies challenged Canadians' claims that First Nations are parasites on the Canadian economy.

"The millions of dollars Canada says it is giving to us are not coming to Indians," said Boots. "It's going to their own people to implement their oppressive policies... Of every dollar, we are lucky if only 13 cents actually reaches our communities."

Dale Dionne, coordinator of the Nation Office, elaborated on the Canadian government's attacks on the Mohawk economy. She reminded the audience that the building in which the hearings were held once housed the disputed Bingo project.

"The project provided a fund to support functions within our community," before the Canadian and Provincial governments effectively shut down operations through harassment and arrests, she said.

The hall now holds a flea market, but she noted that it's difficult to attract customers when the Sureté du Québec monitors the highways and fines people for having "snow on their license plates."

## New strategies possible

Other First Nations came to the hearings with a broad range of concerns in need of European attention.

Chris Ried, a representative of the Ontario Métis and Aboriginal Association, was "interested in setting up business contacts for Native Cooperatives within the European community – particularly for the fur industry."

He was optimistic about reviving the fur market in Europe, which has taken severe blows from the anti-fur movement in recent years. He suggested that "we need to take the same strategies as the anti-fur movement – like pamphleting in

front of stores."

He stressed the need for the public to realise that "when you hurt the fur industry, you hurt First Nations."

Ruby Arngna'naaq, an Inuk from Baker Lake, N.W.T., also criticised "conservationism that does not balance with nature."

"You cannot tame wildlife," she emphasized.

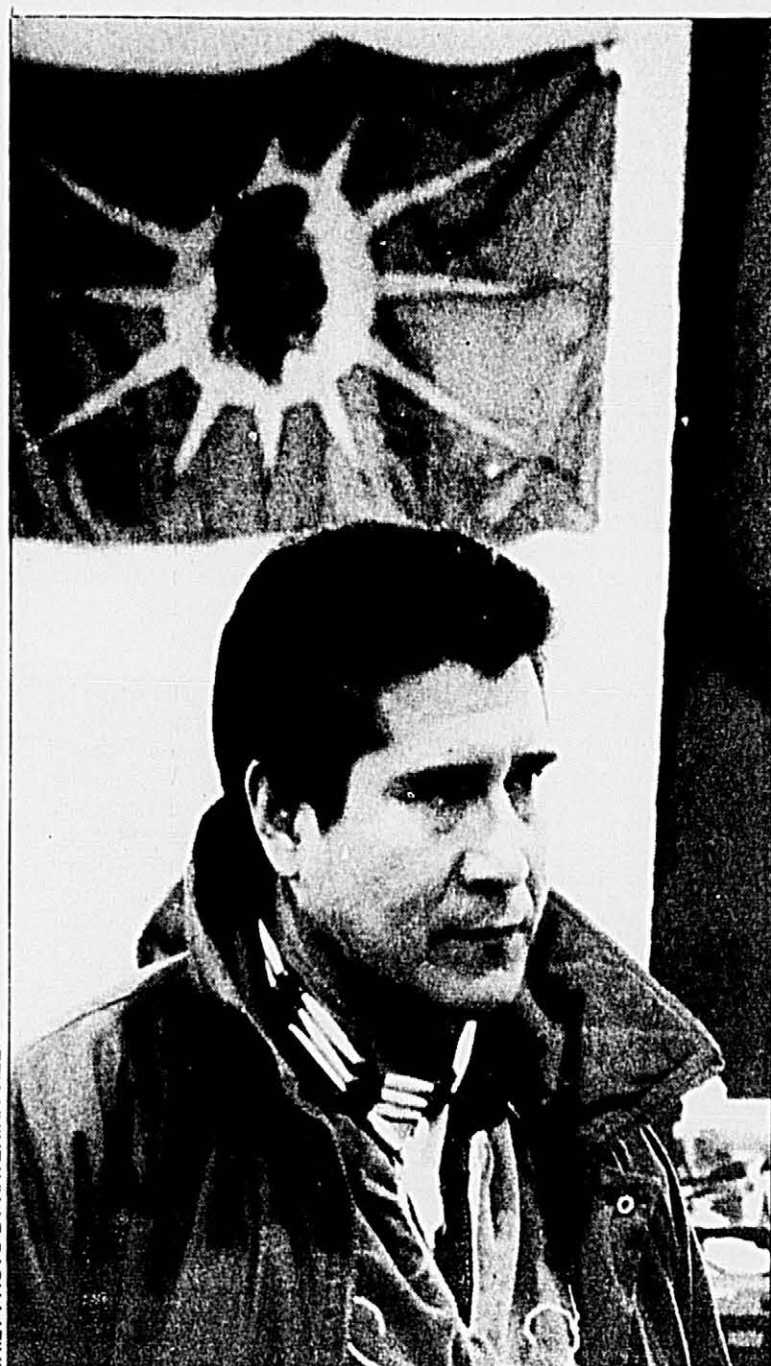
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Arngna'naaq also came to the hearings to remind delegates that the high rates of cancer in her nation are due to acid rain fallout from Europe. "If they can ban seal-skins, they can ban cars," she suggested.

## Any real commitment?

Ried said he "didn't expect much political leverage out of the hearings." The European Parliament has made no concrete commitment to follow up on the Commission's findings, and De Vries has been cautious to tip-toe a diplomatic line.

But as Boots put it, "we have been crying, yelling, raising our fists, hoping that someone will take notice. We need dialogue." And perhaps international attention will turn into the dialogue that the Canadian government has refused to begin for over 400 years.



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Joe Norton, Grand Chief of Kahnawake, testified at the European commission's inquiry on Sunday.



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## Fake ivy strangles schools

by Mike Adler

OTTAWA (CUP) — Undergraduate teaching will suffer in Canada until our universities stop imitating Harvard and Yale, says Stuart Smith.

The commissioner of the Inquiry on Canadian University Education said his report this fall will argue that universities should be encouraged to specialize.

"We're all in favor of diversity of role," he said in Ottawa last month after listening to over 200 witnesses in nine cities.

"What we're not in favor of is having the government tell people what they should do."

But Smith said university presidents are wrong if they think the report will only echo their pleas for increased funding.

"Sure they need more money. But the methods they have chosen for surviving this period of financial crisis are themselves open to serious question."

Witnesses told the commission that universities with graduate and research studies have chosen to protect these programs, letting the quality of undergraduate education fall drastically.

By reaching for status — and modelling themselves on famous American institutions — these Canadian universities have failed to stress teaching, Smith said.

"I think I see far too many universities adopting the policies of tenure and promotion as though they were Yale. Well, with great respect, they're not."

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is spending \$900,000 to pay for the commission and its office in Ottawa. The federal Secretary of State, responsible for cutting transfer payments to universities by \$900 million over five years, contributed \$250,000.

Smith praised undergraduate institutions for "resisting the urge to become mini-Harvards," telling a group of students from Bishop's University they were "lucky" to be at a university that didn't short-change them on teaching.

He appeared intrigued on Dec. 5 when Queen's University principal David Smith told the commission that government funding should be affected by "indicators" of what each university has to offer.

The principal said this could include special programs, admission standards, and job placement for graduates.

"If I call for differential funding, there's going to be a howl," said Stuart Smith, who later added he would still consider the idea.

"I have a lot of difficulty with quality comparisons (between institutions)," he said.

Hearings ended Dec. 6 in Ottawa, after allowing two extra days for presentations.

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# Schools may fall through funding gap

by Eric Whitmore

TORONTO(CUP)—Two large Ontario universities will close by 1995-96 if current trends in provincial funding of post-secondary education continues, according to the province's advisory board on universities.

Ten years of the provincial government refusing to raise university operating grants to match the rate of inflation has made the system vulnerable, the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA) says in a recent report.

Although OCUA has recommended that the province raise funding by up to 11 per cent yearly, increases have usually been about seven to eight per cent. The government last heeded OCUA's suggestions in 1977/78.

Now, OCUA says, overcrowding, equipment deterioration, and reduction of course selections are reaching the breaking point. At the present rate of decline, for example, it says student/faculty ratios will reach 20-to-one within five years, up from the ratio of 14-to-one that existed in 1977-78.

"The kinds of effects on quality cannot be sustained indefinitely," said Richard Cummins of OCUA. "We are optimistic this report will be better received. We know the

report is being read and listened to."

OCUA came to these conclusions after asking Ontario universities in the spring of 1990 to examine what the effect the government's funding policy of the 1980s would have if it continued into the 1990s.

Members of the university community agree with the OCUA's dismal projections.

"It's a devastating indictment," said University of Toronto president Rob Prichard.

"We have a crisis in 1991," said Jeffrey Keay, a York University administrator. "Without increased funding eventually something must give."

For 10 years, donor support, privatization of academic programmes, property development and increased endowment levels have helped bring money into the university system, but they are no longer enough, said Keay.

Richard Criddle, vice president of administration at U of T, agreed.

"Sure there remain opportunities to better use resources, but commercial enterprises are having problems and we must expect some as well," he said. "These resources are not enough."

The OCUA report mentions the need for the government to adopt longer range planning to deal with



the funding crisis, instead of deciding funding on a year-by-year basis. Although Bob Kanduth — an official with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities — said he had not yet read the report carefully enough to comment on it, he agreed that longer-range planning will be necessary this year. "That's something that will be attempted," he said. But the fact that universities are low on the public's list of concerns means they are also low on politician's list of funding concerns, he added.

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